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(via MailChimp)

Good Morning '87,

I hope this finds everyone healthy & happy, and enjoying spring wherever you might be. Over the past several months, dozens of your Classmates have been very busy planning our upcoming 35th Reunion (1-4 September 2022) and preparing for our first Class-wide elections since we were Midshipman!

However, before we kick off the Class Nomination & Election process in May, we need to adopt a new set of Bylaws which govern how we operate as a Class. This is a long overdue process which has not been urgent as we've had continuity of Class leadership since we were Middies and have been operating well with the amazing support of so many volunteers. However, as I am the last of our elected Officers and am officially retiring as Class President at the upcoming Reunion, we now need to elect a new slate of Officers and therefore also (finally) adopt a formal set of Class Bylaws which is also now officially required by USNA Alumni Association & Foundation.

For the past six months, we have had an esteemed and diverse group of Classmates serving on the Class Governance & Election Committee (GEC). Your GEC has been deeply engaged in discussing how we currently, and intend to, operate as a Class, reviewing several other Class' Bylaws, and drafting and debating the specific details of the attached set of Bylaws. We officially briefed the Class on these Bylaws during a Zoom event on March 30th and based on the relatively few questions or concerns we received during and after this discussion, we felt that the Bylaws were indeed finally ready for a Class vote.

THIS EMAIL IS A CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL CLASSMATES TO REVIEW AND VOTE ON THE ATTACHED SET OF BYLAWS WHICH THE CLASS GOVERNANCE & ELECTION COMMITTEE IS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDING YOU APPROVE.

It is critical that we get maximum participation in this voting, and need at least a Quorum (15%) of the Class to vote with a majority of these votes being in support of the proposed bylaws.

You can download the proposed BYLAWS AT THIS LINK. Please download them and take ~20 min over the next week to review these Bylaws and to submit your official VOTE VIA THIS POLL LINK. This voting will remain open until midnight on May 1, 2022.

I appreciate that everyone is immensely busy, but I would be remiss if I did not highlight that a group of your (also very busy) Classmates each committed 20+ hours over the past 6 months designing and drafting the

attached set of Bylaws which we are very proud of and feel strongly represent how our Class does and should operate. We now need each of you to review and approve them as OUR bylaws. Thank you in advance for taking the time to do this!

Two other important items to note:

1. **Registration for our 35th Reunion will GO LIVE on May 1st** – we'll follow up with another couple of emails before then but you can always learn more at www.usna87.com
2. **Please join us on May 20th at 8pm ET via Zoom for the 35th Graduation Celebration** – we'll send the Zoom info out in future emails.

As always, please feel free to contact me with any ideas, questions, concerns or to get involved in Class activities. We'll soon be making formal outreach for Nominations of Candidates to run for Class Officer so please seriously consider running, or if you have someone in mind, please ask them to raise their hand. I can attest to the joy and satisfaction of serving such an amazing Class which makes the time and effort fully worthwhile.

Thanks again for reviewing and approving our Class Bylaws!

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